GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:315
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2015
Oil and Gas Exploration
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of oil and gas explorations made under the New Exploration and Licensing Policy by public/private sector companies including ONGC and Oil India Limited during the last three years and the current year along with the status of production from these oil and gas blocks, State/UT/company-wise;
(b) the targets fixed and achieved by public/private sector companies in exploration of oil and natural gas reserve during the above period, State/UT/company-wise;
(c) whether the Government has explored deep water and ultra-deep water oil and gas resources with the prospect of increasing domestic oil production and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) The details of incentives given by the Government to the private and public sector companies which are engaged in exploration and production on deep/ultra-deep water oil/gas wells in the country, company-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the house.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 315 BY Dr. SANJAY JAISWAL AND SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM: TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015 REGARDING "OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION".
(a) Details of exploratory work carried out by operators which include PSUs, Private & JV companies for the blocks awarded under the NELP for the year 2012-13 to 2014-15 & 2015-16 (April- September) is placed at Annexure-I.
So far a total of 145 hydrocarbon discoveries (53 oil and 92 gas) have been made under the NELP regime in 48 exploration blocks. Oil and gas production are currently being realized from 16 (11 oil & 5 gas) discoveries in 9 blocks. Though Oil & gas production had commenced in 18 (11 oil & 7 gas) discoveries in 10 blocks, production from two gas discoveries of block CB-ONN-2000/2 has stopped. The status of commercial production is at Annexure-II.
(b) Details of oil and natural gas reserves (2P) accreted by operators which include PSUs, Private & JV companies for the blocks awarded under the NELP for the year 2012-13 to 2014-15) is placed at Annexure-III.
(c) 81 nos. of deep water/ ultra-deep water exploration blocks covering an area of 9,22,519 Square KM has been awarded to PSUs, Private & JV companies under the nine NELP Bidding Rounds concluded so far. As a result of exploration activities carried so far in these blocks 2D seismic survey of 2,61,242 LKM, 3D seismic Survey of 1,81,890 SKM and drilling of 143 exploratory wells have been completed (up to 30.09.2015) and 48 hydrocarbon discoveries (8 Oil & 40 Gas) have been made. At present, one oil and two gas discoveries of deepwater block KG-DWN-98/3 are on production.
(d) As an incentive measure royalty is charged at half of the prevailing rate for deep water areas beyond 400 m bathymetry for the first 7 years after commencement of commercial production. These incentives are applicable to all the companies.
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